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SUBJECT: ATLANTIS II RESEARCH CRUISE

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(C) STATE 275958, (D) NEW DELHI 722

1. ALTHOUGH DEPT HAS NOT TAKEN OFFICIAL POSITION ON
PAKISTANI CLAIMED EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE, PENDING LOS
AGREEMENT MAXIMUM THAT COULD BE RECOGNIZED IS FISHERIES
JURISDICTION WITHIN 200 MILES ALONG LINES OF US LEGISLA-
TION AND CONTINENTAL SHELF RESEARCH UNDER EXISTING
GENEVA CONVENTION. US RECOGNIZES JURISDICTION OVER ALL
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN 3 NM TERRITORIAL SEA, FISHERIES
RESEARCH WITHIN 12 MILES, AND RESEARCH CONCERNING THE
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CONTINENTAL SHELF AND UNDERTAKEN THERE (I.E. IN PHYSICAL
CONTACT).

2. PROJECTED RESEARCH FROM GOA TO KARACHI MAINLY OFF
INDIA, ALTHOUGH SMALL AMOUNT EXTENDS INTO AREA OFF
PAKISTAN BUT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE OFFSHORE AND WELL OFF
CONTINENTAL SHELF. ALTHOUGH WATER COLUMN RESEARCH COULD

LEAD SHIP OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF OF PAKISTAN AS WELL AS INDIA, SHIP INSTRUCTED BY WHOI TAKE NO RPT NO CONTINENTAL SHELF SAMPLES OFF EITHER COUNTRY. ON DEPARTING KARACHI

SMALL AMOUNT OF RESEARCH WOULD BE CONDUCTED WITHIN PAKISTANI CLAIMED ZONE EN ROUTE TO MID ARABIAN SEA BUT WELL OFFSHORE AND IN WATERS AT LEAST 3,000 METERS DEEP. THEREAFTER WORK WOULD BE IN WESTERN ARABIAN SEA AND PRIMARILY IN GULF OF OMAN BUT WELL AWAY FROM PAKISTAN. THUS USG DOES NOT PLAN TO SEEK GOP CLEARANCE. KARACHI PORT CALL BEING ARRANGED DIRECTLY BY SHIP'S AGENT. WHOI HAS NOT SOUGHT RESEARCH CLEARANCE FROM GOP.

3. AS NOTED REF (C) WORK BEFORE KARACHI FUNDED BY NSF AND ONR, THEREAFTER BY NSF. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT IS MAXIMUM EXTENT NAVY INVOLVEMENT.

4. AS NOTED REF (D) NO INDIAN SCIENTISTS ABOARD.

5. IN VIEW MINIMAL AMOUNT OF WORK IN PAKISTANI CLAIMED ZONE, WELL OFFSHORE, DEPT HAS NOT RPT NOT ADVISED WHOI MAKE ANY CHANGES IN ATLANTIS II PLANS.
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